

Hello,

I wish to state my complete opposition to Bill 1132, "An Act Concerning The Admissions Tax", which exempts professional baseball stadiums from the Connecticut admissions tax.

At a time when the state is struggling to balance the budget, it is completely unacceptable to exempt any large business from paying tax.

The bill would also complicate the tax code by introducing yet another exemption.

I do not see any way in which the residents of Connecticut would benefit by passing this bill. A few residents would get cheaper admission to the stadiums, and the bulk of us would be subsidizing our neighbors hobbies. We do not have any stadiums or teams that would attract anyone from out of state and so increase revenues.

The legislature would be much better employed looking for ways to encourage Connecticut's residents to play baseball, which might result in a health benefit, instead of encouraging residents to lead a sedentary lifestyle watching someone else be paid to play baseball.

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